

REMARKS

The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences ("the BPAI") reversed the Examiner's rejections of claims 1, 14-17, 31, 32 and 36. Claims 21-30, which were withdrawn from consideration, have been canceled without prejudice by this amendment. Claims 1, 14-17, 31, 32 and 36 are currently pending in this application.

In view of the BPAI'S reversal of the Examiner's rejections of the pending claims, Applicant respectfully requests an early Notice of Allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephonic conference would expedite prosecution of this application please feel free to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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